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1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM MFA THAT PRIME MINSITER ROWLING WOULD LIKETO COME TO WASHINGTON ON MAY 7 AFTERALL PROVIDED THAT HE CAN MAKE A CALL ON PRESIDENT FORD. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, LLOYD WHITE, HAS ARGUED SUCCESSFULLY WITH SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CORNER AND CORNER WITH ROWLING THAT WITH THE PREPARATIONS THAT HAD ALREADY GONE INTO A WASHINGTON VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, HE SIMPLY COULD NOT BACK OUT AT THIS LATE DATE.

2. COMMENT: FOR ALL THE REASONS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN BY THE EMBASSY, WE URGE THAT ALL EFFORTS BE MADE TO GET ROWLING IN TO SEE THE PRESIDENT IF ONLY FOR A COURTESY CALL. IT APPEARS THAT THE TIME ROWLING CAN DEVOTE TO WASHINGTON VISIT IS STILL ONLY 24 HOURS ON MAY 7-8. WE REALIZE THIS IS VERY SHORT TIMEFRAME IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT'S HEAVY SCHEDULE, BUT TRUST AT LEAST A FEW MINUTES CAN BE FOUND FOR ROWLING.
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